

### ACCESS AUTHORIZATION

1. I, Jim Miller, am the Plant Manager of the Palmetto Vermiculite Facility and as such I have the authority to sign this authorization.

2. I grant authorization to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), its officers, employees, contractors and other authorized representatives to enter the property located at 13101 Highway 221, Woodruff, South Carolina (the "Property"). This authorization allows EPA, its officers, employees, contractors and other authorized representatives to have access to the Property to conduct sampling. EPA's activities at the Property will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. to collect soil samples, and samples of any suspected vermiculite containing material or product as may be determined to be necessary;
- b. to transport equipment onto and about the Property as necessary to accomplish the above activities.

3. The consent for access and use granted herein will commence on June 5, 2001 and will continue until June 30, 2001.

4. I realize that these actions by EPA are undertaken pursuant to its response and enforcement responsibilities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (Superfund), 42 U.S.C. Section 9601 et seq., as amended.

Date: 6/5/01, 2001

Printed Name of Owner: Ray Brown

(or if applicable)

Printed Name of Tenant: Palmetto Vermiculite

Signature: [Signature]



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